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TAGS ETRD GATT
SUBJ GATT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE: DRAFT DECLARATION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AGREED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE JULY 28 FOR CONSIDERATION BY MINISTERS AT SEPTEMBER TOKYO MEETING.

1. THE MINISTERS, HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVING NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE DECIDED TO ENTER INTO COMPREHENSIVE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT AND THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO MAKE A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, DECLARE THE NEGOTIATIONS OFFICIALLY OPEN. THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE HAVE NOTIFIED THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF GATT TO THIS EFFECT, AND THE MINISTERS AGREE THAT IT WILL BE OPEN TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, THROUGH A NOTIFICATION TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, TO PARTICIPATE
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IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE MINISTERS HOPE THAT THE NEOGITATIONS WILL INVOLVE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE. THEY EXPECT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE ENGAGED EFFECTIVELY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT, TO THAT END, THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED

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WILL HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

2. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL AIM TO:
-ACHIEVE THE EXPANSION AND EVER-GREATER LIBERALIATION OF WORLD TRADE AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, OBJECTIVES WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED, INTER ALIA, THROUGH THE PROGRESSIVE DISMANTLING OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE.
-SECURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO AS TO ACHIEVE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS; THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORTS, THE ACCELERATION OF THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THEIR TRADE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THESE COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE AND A BETTER BALANCE AS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE SHARING OF THE ADVANTAGES RESULTING FROM THIS EXPANSION, THROUGH, IN THE LARGEST POSSIBLE MEASURE, A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITIONS OF ACCESS FOR PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND WHEREEVER APPROPRIATE, MEASURES DESIGNED TO ATTAIN STABLE, EQUITABLE AND REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS.
TO THIS END, COORDINATED EFFORTS SHALL BE MADE TO SOLVE IN AN EQUITABLE WAY THE TRADE PROBLEMS OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. TO THIS END THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD AIM INTER ALIA TO:
(A) CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON TARIFFS BY EMPLOYMENT OF APPROPRIATE FORMULAE OF AS GENERAL APPLICATIONS AS POSSIBLE;
(B) REDUCE OR ELIMINATE NON-TARIFF MEASURES OR, WHERE THIS IS NOT APPROPRIATE, TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THEIR TRADE RESTRICTING OR DISTORTING EFFECTS, AND TO BRING SUCH MEASURES UNDER MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE;
(C) INCLUDE AN EXMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE COORDINTED REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF ALL BARRIERS TO TRADE IN SELECTED SECTORS AS A COMPLEMENTARY TECHNIQUE;
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(D) INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARD SYSTEM, CONSIDERING PARTICULARLY THE MODALITIES OF APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIX, WITH A VIEW TO FURTHERING TRADE LIBERALIZATIONA DN PRESERVING ITS RESULTS;
(E) INCLUDE, AS REGARDS AGRICULTURE, AN APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, WHILE IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND PROBLEMS IN THIS SECTOR;
(F) TREAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS A SPECIAL AND PRIORITY SECTOR.

4. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL COVER TARIFFS, NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND OTHER MEASURES WHICH IMPEDE OR DISTORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN

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BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS, WHETHER IN PRIMARY FORM OR AT ANY STAGE OF PROCESSING INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND MEASURES AFFECTING THEIR EXPORTS.

5. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCI-PLES OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, MUTUAL COMMITMENT AND OVERALL RECIPROCITY AND CONSISTENTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. PARTICIPANTS SHALL JOINTLY ENDEAVOUR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE, BY APPROPRIATE METHODS, AN OVEALL BALANCE OF ADVANTAGE AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO T EXPECT RECIPROCITY FOR COMMITMENTS MADE BY THEM IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE OR REMOVE TARIFF AND OTHER BARRIERS TO THE TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I.E., THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO NOT EXPECT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE COURSE OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL AND TRADE NEEDS. THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR SPECIAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INCREASE THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS AND PROMOTE THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND, WHEREAPPROPRIATE, FOR PRIORITY ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN TO PRODUCTS OR AREAS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. THEY FURTHER RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE APPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

THEM, IN AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHERE THIS IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE.

6. THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZE THAT THE PARTICULAR SITUATION AND PROB-LEMS OF THE LEASE DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHALL BE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION, (AND STRESS THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THESE COUNTRIES RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF ANY GENERAL OR SPECIFIC MEASURES TAKEN IN FAVOUR OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.).

7. (QUITE OBVIOUSLY, THE POLICY OF LIBERALIZING WORLD TRADE CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY UNLESS PARALLEL EFFORTS ARE MADE TO SET UP A MONETARY SYSTEM WHICH SHIELDS THE WORLD ECONOMY FROM THE SHICKS AND IMBALANCES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED.

THE MINISTERS RECOGNIZE THAT THEY SHOULD BEAR THIS POINT IN MIND BOTH AT THE OPENING OF AND THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. SIMILARLY, THEY WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE EFFORTS WHICH ARE TO BE MADE IN THE TRADE FIELD IMPLY THAT PROSPECTS EXIST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DURABLE AND EQUITABLE MONETARY SYSTEM.)

(SIMILARLY, AN EFFECTIVE MONETARY SYSTEM DEPENDS UPON

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GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING TRADE MEASURES WHICH FACILITATE THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS, AS WELL AS UPON CONCURRENT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND AN IMPROVED FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE RELATIONS. THESE POINTS WILL ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THROUGHOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE AIMED AT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, IN THE LIGHT OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT YEARS.)

(THE MONETARY SYSTEM SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCING.)

8. THE NEGOTIATIONS SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ONE UNDERTAKING, THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF WHICH SHALL MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER.

9. SUPPORT IS REAFFIRMED FOR THE PRINCIPLES, RULES AND DISCIPLINES PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. (FOOTNOTE: THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES NOT NOW PARTIES TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.) CONSIDERATION
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SHALL BE GIVEN TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE WHICH MIGHT BE DESIRABLE IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND, IN THIS ENDEAVOUR, CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT ANY MEASURES INTRODUCED AS A RESULT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND PARTICULARLY OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION.

10. A TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED, WITH AUTHORITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT DECLARATION, INTER ALIA:
(A) TO ELABORATE AND PUT INTO EFFECT DETAILED TRADE NEGOTIATING PLANS AND TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
(B) TO SUPERVISE THE PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL BE OPEN TO PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. (FOOTNOTE: INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES) THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD ITS OPENING MEETING NOT LATER THAN 1 NOVEMBER 1973.

11. THE MINISTERS INTEND THAT THE TRADE NEGOTIATION BE CONLUDED IN 1975.BASSIN

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